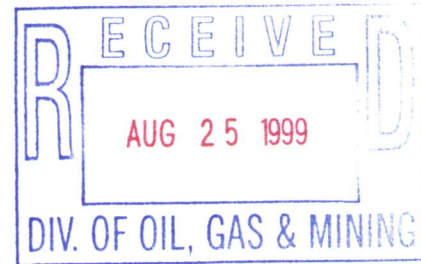


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August 20, 1999

Mr. D. Wayne Hedberg
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Minerals Regulatory Program
State of Utah
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
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Re: Request for Updated Mining and Reclamation Plan and Updated Surface Facilities Map, Uintah County, Asphalt Ridge Mine M/047/022, Crown Asphalt Corporation (Crown) Asphalt Oil Sands Mine, M/047/032, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hedberg,

I have been asked to review the status of the Updated Mining and Reclamation Plan and Updated Surface Facilities Map for the Asphalt Ridge Mine. Based on my recollection of our last meeting with Uintah County, the Mining and Reclamation Plan and Surface Facilities Map had been updated by Crown's Resident Mining Engineer, Wes Norris, and submitted to Crown and Uintah County for review. Since Wes is no longer with Crown, I will need until September 30, 1999 to review, and revise, if required, the work that has been completed to date, in order to provide the Updated Mining and Reclamation Plan and Updated Surface Facilities Map that you have requested.

Please address all future correspondence to:

Mr. Jay Mealey
Crown Asphalt Ridge, LLC
215 S. State, Suite 650
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

I appreciate your patience in this matter. Please feel free to contact me at (801) 541-4346.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Rick Hoggan'.

Rick Hoggan, P.E.
For Crown Asphalt Corporation,
Manager, Crown Asphalt Ridge, LLC